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Two of the women behind the big event, Mrs. Samuel Carpenter (left) and Mrs. Miller Rosengren, sit in Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Bragdon's garden and dream of perfect weather for their tour. Mrs. Carpenter will serve as a hostess at the Bragdon house on tour day and Mrs. Rosengren is permanent chairman of the annual benefit for the McLean Boys Club.

Visitors to the third annual McLean House and Garden Tour next week will walk through contemporary doorways into the distant past.

This trip through time will be made by way of the imagination and the treasures stored in six beautiful McLean houses, all to be opened for the tour.





Ann Killefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Killefer of McLean, takes an awed look at the armor collection in the den of Architect David Norton Yerkes. Mr. Yerkes and his wife are opening their house for the tour, and so are Ann's parents, whose contemporary two-level house is called Pimmit Meadow.



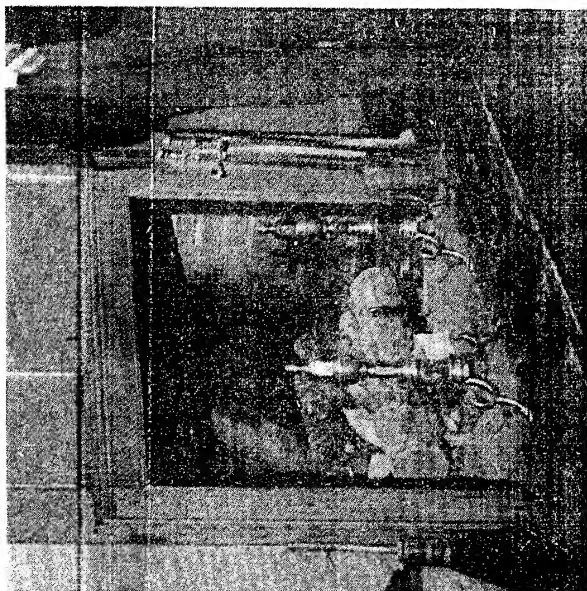
Mrs. Kenneth McClave, ticket chairman for the tour, visits the living room in the Yerkeses' house and admires the garden view through two full walls of glass. The hand-blocked print on the draperies, concealed here, is a prize-winning design by Swedish Artist Sven Markelius. Contemporary furnishings are combined with antiques, throughout the residence, rooting the owners firmly in tradition.

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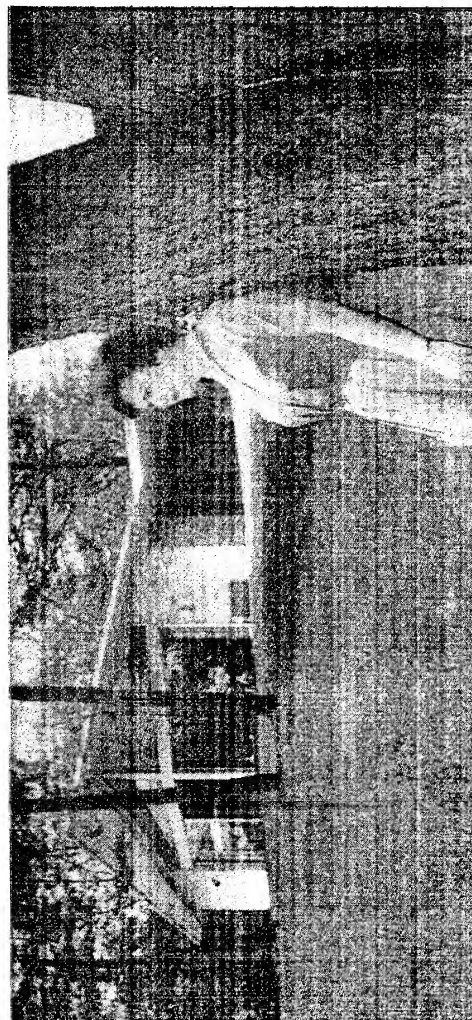
Homes to be open are those of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bragdon, Georgetown pike; Mr. and Mrs. Willis S. Fitch, Ranleigh road; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Killefer, Kirby road; Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Putnam, Kirby road; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scoville, jr., Old Georgetown pike, and Mr. and Mrs. David Norton Yerkes, also of Kirby road.

Special parking areas will be designated for tourists, who will travel to the houses and gardens by chartered bus.

Luncheon will be served at St. John's Episcopal Church on Old Georgetown pike (Route 193) from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and tea from 3 until 5 p.m.



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Mrs. McClave moves outside to the broad wooded lawn of the architect's property. The wing in the background is the den and the huge picture window

makes a perfect display case for the exhibit of arms and armor within.—Star Staff Photos by Randolph Routt.